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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/048,012	SAEKI ET AL.	
	Examiner Thomas J. Braham	Art Unit 3652	
<b>--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --</b>			
<b>THE REPLY FILED 9/15/2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.</b>			
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:</p> <p>a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The period for reply expires <u>3</u> months from the mailing date of the final rejection.</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.</p> <p>Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).</p>			
<p>Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).</p>			
<b><u>NOTICE OF APPEAL</u></b>			
<p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).</p>			
<b><u>AMENDMENTS</u></b>			
<p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, <u>will not be entered</u> because</p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or</p> <p>(d) <input type="checkbox"/> They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.</p>			
<p>NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).</p>			
<p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).</p>			
<p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): <u>the rejections under 35 USC 112</u>.</p>			
<p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).</p>			
<p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) <input type="checkbox"/> will not be entered, or b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.</p>			
<p>The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:</p>			
<p>Claim(s) allowed: _____.</p>			
<p>Claim(s) objected to: _____.</p>			
<p>Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-4, 6 and 7</u>.</p>			
<p>Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.</p>			
<b><u>AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE</u></b>			
<p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal <u>will not be entered</u> because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).</p>			
<p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, <u>will not be entered</u> because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome <u>all</u> rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).</p>			
<p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.</p>			
<b><u>REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER</u></b>			
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:</p> <p>_____</p>			
<p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____</p>			
<p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>			
 Thomas J. Braham Primary Examiner Art Unit: 3652			

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Serial No : 10/048,012  
Docket No : 033082M116

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A transfer system for transferring an object to be processed out of a carrier which is provided mounted on a top face of a load port unit and for transferring the object to the carrier, said transfer system comprising:

a system body having a bottom, a front wall vertical with respect to the bottom, and a guide rail provided so as to extend in lateral directions of said system body;

a linear motor having a secondary side provided so as to extend in lateral directions of said system body and a primary side movable to the secondary side; and

a transfer robot which is mounted on the primary side of said linear motor and which is capable of linearly reciprocating along the guide rail,

wherein both said load port unit and the guide rail are mounted on the front wall of said system body, said load port unit is mounted on the outside of the front wall of said system body, and the guide rail is mounted inside of said front wall of said system body,

the primary side and the secondary side have vertical oriented opposing faces, and the transfer robot transfers the object from and to the carrier positioned on the top face of the load port unit.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A transfer system as set forth in claim 1, which further comprises an exhaust fan which is provided on the bottom of said system body.

Claim 3 (previously presented) A transfer system as set forth in claim 2, which further comprises a clean air supply system for supplying clean air to said object which is transferred by said